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*State Dept. and*

*NIE and NIS programs*

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

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1. On Friday, 4 March, acting on Mr. Kent's initiative, Mr. Allan Evans, Director, Office of Intelligence Research, Department of State, and his deputy, Mr. Phil Trezise, met with Mr. Kent, [redacted] to discuss OIR current problems. We were particularly anxious to find out how personnel problems in OIR might affect OIR's capability to contribute to NIE's. Neither Mr. Evans nor Mr. Trezise had any records with them. Any figures given below were therefore given as approximations.

2. Budget cuts in State as they affected OIR have been numerous and on two occasions large. The two main cuts sustained were the 50% cut of 1947 and the 43% cut of 1953.

3. Presently OIR is organized into six divisions (Eastern Europe and USSR, Western Europe, Far East, Near East Africa, Latin America, and a functional division). There are a total of 90 professional intelligence officers paid from State funds in these divisions. The effort per country runs from 0.4 man/country, as in Latin America, to 14 man/country, as in the case of the USSR. There are 130 professional intelligence officers paid from CIA funds working on the NIS program. The OIR commitment is to produce 180 NIS sections annually. The ratio of professional personnel to clerical is about 3:1.

4. OIR's commitments, other than NIS, are in support of O/IE, State policy desks, NSIA, POA, DD/P, NSC Planning Board, and OCB.

5. About 20 professionals are cleared for special intelligence.

6. OIR is not represented on JAEBC.

7. A justification for a separate intelligence group within State was once made by Mr. Acheson: "I do not want to be a prisoner of my policymakers."

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8. Mr. Evans estimated that an addition of 50 or 60 professional personnel to OIR would greatly add to their capability to meet NIE and other commitments and assure prompt meeting of deadlines with superior performance.

9. As effect of Wriston program on OIR, Mr. Evans stated that he was hopeful to get a policy decision putting OIR personnel in a special category. He hoped OIR personnel in the foreign service would be permitted to spend about 5 or 6 years in Washington, then go for 2 or 3 years in the field, after which they would return to OIR. If OIR personnel is not excepted, Mr. Evans concluded that OIR strength based on long continuous service would soon be dissipated.

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